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1.	Recipient/Grantee Name and Address	:	2.	Award Date:		3. Action: New or Renewal
			4. Project Period: From to Budget Period: From to			
5.	Recipient Unique Entity ID Number:		6.			
7.	Unique Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN):		8. Assistance Listing Number/Name: 64.024 / VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program			
9.	Amount of Federal Funds Obligated by this Action: \$	10. Total Amount		eral Funds	11. To	otal Amount of Federal Award:
12.	Budget Approved by the VA: Yes- [date]	13. Total Approve			14. Su	applement Number: 0
15.	Is this a Research & Development Award: N		16.			able, 10% de minimis or as approved. See 2 CFR 200.414.
17.	7. Project Title: VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program					
18. Statutory Authority for Grant: Title 38, United States Code, Sections 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2061; Public Law 114-315, 130 Stat. 1536, Sec. 701, American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Public Law 117-2).						
19.	. Method of Payment: Automated Clearing House					
20.	20. Project Description: VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program awards funding to the organization identified above to provide capital improvements to GPD transitional housing as described in their grant application resulting in less congregate and more individual unit style housing, thereby improving personal safety and reducing risks associated with close quarters living for Veterans.					
21. VA Contact: Jeffery Quarles, National Director, VA Grant and Per Diem Program Office, (877) 332-0334						
	AGENCY APPROVAL			GRA	NTEE AC	CEPTANCE
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In accepting a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) award, the grantee or recipient assumes legal, financial, administrative, and programmatic responsibility for administering the award in accordance with any provisions included in the award, as well as the laws, rules, regulations, Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) requirements, and Executive Orders governing assistance awards; and these terms and conditions, all of which are hereby incorporated into this award by reference. While VA may provide grantees with reminder notices regarding award requirements, the absence of receiving such notice does not relieve grantees of responsibility to meet all applicable award requirements. Under this agreement, the grantee agrees to provide what is outlined in the grant award and application along with any modifications that have occurred or will occur as a result of official changes approved by the VA National GPD Program Office.

By submitting a grant application with a signed SF-424 and by accepting this agreement, the recipient and its executives, as defined in Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (2 CFR) Section 170.315, certify that the recipient's policies are in accordance with guidance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) located at 2 CFR Part 200, all applicable Federal laws, and relevant Executive guidance. The applicant's signature on the SF-424, including electronic signature, constitutes a binding offer by the applicant and constitutes agreement to the terms and conditions. Furthermore, by drawing or otherwise obtaining funds for the award from the grant payment system or other payment process, the recipient accepts the terms and conditions of the award and agrees to perform in accordance with the requirements of the award.

#### **Terms related to Construction funding**

- The grantee agrees to comply with government-wide certifications required of Federal grant recipients as evidenced by maintaining an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM).
- The grantee certifies that the application, and information submitted as a part of the application, are in accordance with the standards promulgated by the Secretary of VA in 38 CFR Part 61.
- The grantee will create and operate the grant in accordance with the application it has submitted and will comply with the definitions and performance metrics or other program monitoring requirements as outlined in the NOFO published on 09/03/2021 and referenced here and elsewhere in this grant agreement.
  - The grantee must comply with eligibility requirements described in the NOFO, including requirements for eligible participants, eligible services and/or eligible activities. Grantees must avoid duplication of activities.
  - The grantee must implement a low barrier approach to providing services to Veterans, which generally means admission occurs on the same day or within 24-48 hours, as described in the NOFO.
  - The grantee must complete the project within 18-24 months.
- If applicable, the grantee will furnish to Veterans the level of care for which such application is made and in conformance with the standards of care prescribed by VA, annual VA inspections, and local laws, codes, regulations and ordinances.
- If applicable, the grantee will ensure that not more than 25 percent of the grant awarded beds are occupied at any one time by non-Veterans.
- Grantees will ensure staff supported by grant funds are trained regarding suicide prevention and how to address situations where Veterans demonstrate suicidal ideation. Standard operating procedures are to be developed, in consultation with your local VA medical facility, surrounding suicide prevention.
- Grantees will ensure staff supported by grant funds who provide services to Veterans gain and maintain the knowledge, skills and abilities to provide culturally competent and relevant services to people impacted by racial inequity.
- The grantee agrees that it is responsible for the use of grant funds provided by VA. In accordance with 2 CFR 200.340, VA
  may terminate this award or take other action if the grantee materially fails to comply with any one of the terms and

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conditions of this award, whether stated in a Federal statute, regulation, assurance application; or no longer effectuates the program goals or VA priorities.

- The grantee agrees to comply with the organizational audit requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F, Audit Requirements, and further understands and agrees that funds may be withheld, or other related requirements may be imposed, if outstanding audit issues (if any) from 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F (and any other audits of VA grant funds) are not satisfactorily and promptly addressed.
- Grant funds may be used only for the purposes in the grantee's approved application and allocated as directed in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E. The grantee shall not undertake any work or activities that are not described in the grant application, or that use staff, equipment, or other goods or services paid for with VA grant funds, without prior written approval from VA.
- The grantee agrees to comply with applicable requirements regarding SAM and applicable restrictions on subawards to first-tier subrecipients that do not acquire and provide a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number or other unique entity identifier (UEI) as appropriate. The grantee will work with VA to ensure that all subrecipients have current accounts in SAM. The details of grantee obligations are posted on the SAM website at <a href="https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/">https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/</a>.
- The grantee agrees to comply with applicable requirements to report first-tier subawards of \$30,000 or more and, in certain circumstances, to report the names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of the grantee and first-tier subrecipients of award funds. Bonuses to any individuals utilizing Federal funds must conform to 2 CFR and be approved in advance by the agency in writing. The details of grantee obligations, which derive from the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA), are posted on the FFATA Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) website at <a href="https://www.fsrs.gov/">https://www.fsrs.gov/</a>.
- Reporting of Matters Related to Recipient Integrity and Performance: If the total value of your currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all Federal awarding agencies exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this Federal award, then you as the recipient during that period of time must maintain the currency of information reported to SAM that is made available in the designated integrity and performance system (currently the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)) about civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings. This is a statutory requirement under section 872 of Public Law 110-417, as amended (41 U.S.C. 2313). See Appendix XII of 2 CFR Part 200 for full details.
- The grantee must take reasonable measures to safeguard protected personally identifiable information (PII) and other information designated as sensitive consistent with applicable Federal, state, local, and tribal laws regarding privacy and obligations of confidentiality. Grantees must not include PII in communications with VA unless it is necessary to do so and unless measures are taken to encrypt or to otherwise protect the communication. No PII regarding program participants may be submitted to the GPD Program Office through the program's electronic grants management system. For definitions and requirements, see 2 CFR Part 200 (e.g., Section 200.1 Definitions, Section 200.303 Internal controls).

### **Standard Requirements**

Standards for financial management require that a recipient's financial system control and account for Federal funds and cost sharing under the award and produce financial reports.

- States must expend and account for funds under the award in accordance with State laws and procedures that apply to the expenditure of and the accounting for the State's own funds.
- In addition, the state's and other non-Federal entity's financial management systems, including records documenting compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award, must be sufficient to permit:

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- Preparation of the reports required under the award; and
- Tracing of funds to a level of expenditures adequate to establish that award funds are used according to the Federal statutes, regulations and terms of the award for the purposes for which the grant was made.
- Cash management must comply with the cash management standards 2 CFR 200.305 and in 31 CFR Part 205, the
  Department of the Treasury's implementation of the Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990 (31 U.S.C. 6503, as
  amended by Sec. 5 of Public Law 101-453).

The financial management system must enable recipients to meet the following OMB requirements: 2 CFR 200.300-346; 2 CFR 200.400-476; and 2 CFR 200.500-512.

- <u>Financial Reporting</u>. For financial reports required by the award, recipients must provide accurate, current, and complete financial information about the federally assisted activities. If subawards are executed under the award, recipients must have reasonable procedures for ensuring the receipt of financial reports from each subrecipient in sufficient time to allow the recipient to prepare reports.
- Accounting Records. Recipients must maintain records that adequately identify the sources of funds for federally assisted
  activities and the purposes for which funds are to be used. The records must contain information about the award and any
  subaward, including authorizations, obligations, un-obligated balances, assets, liabilities, outlays or expenditures, and any
  program income. The accounting records must be supported by source documentation, such as cancelled checks, paid bills,
  payrolls and time and attendance records.
- <u>Internal Control</u>. Recipients must maintain effective control over and accountability for all cash, real and personal property, and other assets under the award. Recipients must adequately safeguard all of these assets and ensure that they are used only for authorized purposes.
- Budget Control. Recipients must be able to compare actual expenditures or outlays with the approved budget.
- <u>Allowable Costs</u>. Recipients must have established procedures for determining reasonableness, allocability and allowability
  of costs in accordance with the applicable Federal cost principles, program regulations, program NOFO or other OMB
  requirements.
- <u>Cash Management</u>. Recipients must have procedures for minimizing the time elapsing between the transfer of any advance payments of funds under the award and disbursement of the funds for direct program costs and the proportionate share of any allowable indirect or facilities and administrative costs. Recipients must ensure that the timing and amount of any payments to subrecipients under the award conform to this standard.
- Requirement for Performance Data. In comparing actual expenditures or outlays with budget amounts, as required, recipients must relate financial information to performance data. For this purpose, VA will accept estimates based on available documentation.
- Review of Financial Management System. VA may review the recipient's financial management system at any time to determine whether it complies with the requirements of this provision.

### **Period of Availability of Funds**

• The project and budget periods for this award are indicated in box 4 on page 1 of this grant agreement. The recipient may charge to the award only allowable costs resulting from obligations incurred during the budget period.

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- VA does not allow pre-award costs to be charged to the grant unless otherwise stated in the NOFO. If pre-award costs are allowed by the NOFO and if they are requested in the application, then this grant agreement constitutes VA's written approval of the requested pre-award costs. All requirements related to pre-award costs apply (e.g., 2 CFR 200.458).
- Expenditures for staff costs that are obligated during the award budget period may be charged to the award up to 120 days
  after the award expiration date. Grant monies are available for closeout activities, which is limited to the preparation of
  final reports. No other staff costs may be obligated and expended for closeout activities.

#### **Publication for Professional Audiences**

Any publications or articles resulting from the award must acknowledge the support of the VA and will include a disclaimer of official endorsement as follows: "This [article] was funded [in part] by a grant from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The opinions, findings and conclusions stated herein are those of the author[s] and do not necessarily reflect those of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs." The recipient must ensure that this disclaimer is included on all brochures, flyers, posters, billboards or other graphic artwork produced under the terms of the award.

#### Seal/Logo

The VA seal may not be used by recipients without the express written permission of VA.

### **Post-award Requirements for Closeout**

The Program Office will provide recipients with information regarding final report due dates and where to send the final reports. VA will notify the recipient in writing of any changes to the reporting requirements before the project period end date. Copies of any required forms and instructions for their completion are included with the award and are provided to each recipient by VA.

Recipients must submit, within 120 calendar days after the project period end date of the award, all final financial, performance, and other reports as required by the terms and conditions of the award. VA may approve written requests for extensions by the recipient. Requirements include:

- Unless VA authorizes an extension, a recipient must liquidate all obligations incurred under the award not later than 120 calendar days after the project period end date.
- VA must make prompt payments to recipients for allowable reimbursable costs under the award being closed out. The
  recipient must promptly refund any balances of un-obligated cash that VA has advanced or paid and that is not authorized
  to be retained by the recipient for use in other projects. OMB Circular A-129 and 2 CFR 200.346 Collection of amounts due
  govern unreturned amounts that become delinquent debts.
- When authorized by the award, VA must make a settlement for any upward or downward adjustments to the Federal share
  of costs after closeout reports are received, not to exceed the amount of the award. Unless otherwise prohibited by statute
  or regulation.
- The recipient must account for any real and personal property acquired with Federal funds or received from the Federal Government in accordance with applicable rules, regulations and laws.
- Under section 4201(b)(2) of Public Law 116-315, 38 U.S.C. 2011(c)(2) will not apply to any grant awarded during a covered public health emergency for a project described in 38 U.S.C. 2011(b)(1). Therefore, cost sharing that normally would be required is not applicable to capital grant funds awarded under NOFO VA-GPD-CG-FY2022.
- Under section 4201(b)(6) of Public Law 116-315, if the recipient of a grant awarded before or during a covered public health emergency under 38 USC 2011 for a project described in 38 U.S.C. 2011(b)(1) is no longer providing services in accordance with the terms of the grant, the recipient will not be subject during such emergency to any property disposition requirements relating to the grant under 38 CFR 61.67(c) or (f), 2 CFR 200.311(c), or successor regulations. Therefore,

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disposition requirements that normally would be required are not applicable to capital grant funds awarded under NOFO VA-GPD-CG-FY2022. However, the VA recovery provisions in 38 CFR 61.67 are applicable and will be enforced (see next item).

- Per the VA recovery provisions in 38 CFR 61.67, VA will seek recovery for awarded capital grant funds on a prorated basis if
  at any time during the minimum operational period a grantee no longer has an active GPD Per Diem Only (PDO) grant
  and/or if a grantee does not maintain bed numbers. Grantees must be familiar with the amount of time the associated PDO
  project must operate in order to avoid capital grant repayments. Operational time for the capital grants will begin on the
  activation date. Grantees are responsible for competing for new PDO grants as needed to maintain an active PDO grant.
- In the event a final audit has not been performed before the closeout of the award, VA will retain the right to recover an appropriate amount after fully considering the recommendations on disallowed costs resulting from the final audit.
- The recipient agrees that it will submit annual financial status reports to VA using the SF 425 Federal Financial Report form, not later than 90 days after the end of each year. The final report shall be submitted not later than 120 days following the end of the award period. Failure to provide this report in accordance with 2 CFR 200.344 and with the terms and conditions of the Federal Award, will result in VA proceeding to close out with the information available within one year of the period of performance end date and will result in VA reporting the grantee's material failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the award with the OMB-designated integrity and performance system (currently FAPIIS).

### **Retention and Access Requirements for Records**

The recipient must maintain financial records, supporting documents, statistical records and all other records pertinent to an award for a period of three years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report. For awards that are renewed quarterly or annually, these same records must be maintained from the date of the submission of the quarterly or annual financial report as authorized by VA. The only exceptions are the following:

- If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the three-year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.
- Records for real property and equipment acquired with Federal funds must be retained for three years after final disposition.
- When records are transferred to or maintained by VA the three-year retention requirement is not applicable to the recipient.
- Grantees should expect additional monitoring and reporting pursuant to ARP Act funding and PL 116-315 throughout the
  life of the capital grant and throughout the records retention period which extends beyond the end date of the associated
  PDO grant.

### **Timely and Unrestricted Access**

VA, the Inspector General, Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives have the right of timely and unrestricted access to any books, documents, papers or other records of recipients and subrecipients that are pertinent to the award, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, transcripts and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to a recipient's and subrecipient's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. The rights of access are not limited to the required retention period but must last as long as records are retained.

Except for federally required restrictions on lobbying, the grantee may not place any restrictions on subrecipients that limit the right or ability of the subrecipients or their agents to contract or otherwise conduct business with the Federal government. The VA Office of the Inspector General (OIG) maintains a toll-free number (1-800-488-8244) for collecting information concerning fraud, waste or abuse under grants and cooperative agreements. Information also may be submitted by e-mail to <a href="mailto-vaoighotline@va.gov">vaoighotline@va.gov</a> or by mail to VA Inspector General Hotline (53E), P.O. BOX 50410, Washington, DC 20091-0410. Such reports are treated as sensitive material and submitters may decline to give their names if they choose to remain anonymous.

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#### **Federal Debt Status**

The recipient may not be delinquent in the repayment of any Federal debt. Examples of relevant debt include delinquent payroll or other taxes, audit disallowances, and benefits that were overpaid (OMB Circular A-129). The recipient must notify VA immediately if the recipient becomes delinquent during the project period. We cannot release award funds until the recipient provides documentation showing a repayment plan has been accepted by the Internal Revenue Service and payments have been made.

#### **Nondiscrimination Policies**

The recipient must execute the project (e.g., productions, workshops, programs) in accord with the following laws, as applicable.

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, provides that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. Title VI also extends protection to persons with limited English proficiency (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.).
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 provides that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex or blindness, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance (20 U.S.C. 1681 and 1684 et seq.).
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, provides that no otherwise qualified individual with a disability in the United States, shall, solely by reason of his/her disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance (29 U.S.C. 794).
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 provides that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of age, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.).
- The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment (Title I), state and local government services (Title II), places of public accommodation and commercial facilities (Title III) (42 U.S.C. 12101-12213).

### **Environmental and Preservation Policies**

- The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, applies to any Federal funds that would support an activity that may have environmental implications. VA has concluded that activities undertaken pursuant to the GPD non-capital grant program are categorically excluded from further NEPA analysis. If in the future, the GPD program is amended or revised in such a way to permit activities that may impact the environment, or if the grant is a GPD capital grant, VA may ask you to respond to specific questions or provide additional information in accordance with NEPA. If there are environmental implications, we will determine whether a categorical exclusion may apply, to undertake an environmental assessment or to issue a "finding of no significant impact," pursuant to applicable regulations and 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.
- The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, applies to any Federal funds that would support either the planning or major renovation of any structure eligible for or on the National Register of Historic Places, in accordance with 54 U.S.C. 306108. This law also applies to project activities, such as new construction and renovation, that would affect such properties. VA has concluded that activities undertaken pursuant to the GPD non-capital grant program would not impact historic properties. If in the future, the GPD program is amended or revised to permit activities such as renovation or construction of structures, or if the grant is a GPD capital grant, VA will consult with your State Historic Preservation Officer and other consulting parties, as appropriate, to address potential impacts to historic properties. Any design, renovation or construction plans must be submitted to GPD for review and approval prior to undertaking any such activities. You may be asked to provide additional information on your project to ensure compliance with the NHPA (54 U.S.C. 300101-307108).

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#### **Debarment and Suspension**

You must comply with requirements regarding debarment and suspension in 2 CFR Part 180, Subpart C.

There are circumstances under which we may receive information concerning your fitness to carry out a project and administer Federal funds, for instance:

- Conviction of, or a civil judgment for, the commission of fraud, embezzlement, theft, forgery, making false statements;
- Any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty that seriously and directly affects your present responsibility; and/or
- Any other cause of so serious or compelling a nature that it affects an organization's present responsibility.

In these circumstances, we may need to act quickly to protect the interest of the government by suspending your funding while we undertake an investigation of the specific facts. We may coordinate our suspension actions with other Federal agencies that have an interest in our findings. A suspension may result in debarment from receiving Federal funding for up to three years.

The Drug Free Workplace Act requires you to publish a statement about your drug-free workplace program. You must give a copy of this statement to each employee (including consultants and temporary personnel) who will be involved in award-supported activities at any site where these activities will be carried out.

You must maintain on file the place(s) where work is being performed under this award (i.e., street address, city, state and zip code). You must notify VA's Program Office of any employee convicted of a violation of a criminal drug statute that occurs in the workplace (41 U.S.C. 8101 et seq. and 38 CFR Part 48).

#### Lobbying

- You may not conduct lobbying, as defined in the statutes and regulations listed below, within your federally-supported
  project. In addition, you may not use Federal funds for lobbying specifically to obtain awards. For definitions and other
  information on these restrictions, refer to the following:
- No part of the money appropriated by any enactment of Congress shall, in the absence of express authorization by Congress, be used directly or indirectly to pay for any personal service, advertisement, telegram, telephone, letter, printed or written matter, or other device, intended or designed to influence in any manner a Member of Congress, a jurisdiction, or an official of any government, to favor, adopt, or oppose, by vote or otherwise, any legislation, law, ratification, policy, or appropriation, whether before or after the introduction of any bill, measure, or resolution proposing such legislation, law, ratification, policy, or appropriation; but this shall not prevent officers or employees of the United States or of its departments or agencies from communicating to any such Member or official, at his request, or to Congress or such official, through the proper official channels, requests for any legislation, law, ratification, policy, or appropriations which they deem necessary for the efficient conduct of the public business, or from making any communication whose prohibition by this section might, in the opinion of the Attorney General, violate the Constitution or interfere with the conduct of foreign policy, counter-intelligence, intelligence, or national security activities (18 U.S.C. 1913. Lobbying with appropriated moneys).
- 2 CFR 200.450 "Lobbying." This regulation clarifies that lobbying is an unallowable project cost. The regulation generally defines lobbying as conduct intended to influence the outcome of elections or to influence elected officials regarding pending legislation, either directly or through specific lobbying appeals to the public.
- Section 319 of Public Law 101-121, codified at 31 U.S.C. 1352, prohibits the use of Federal funds in lobbying members and
  employees of Congress, as well as employees of Federal agencies, with respect to the award or amendment of any Federal
  grant, cooperative agreement, contract or loan. While non-Federal funds may be used for such activities, they may not be
  included in your project budget, and their use must be disclosed to the awarding Federal agency. Disclosure of lobbying
  activities by long-term employees (employed or expected to be employed for more than 130 days) is, however, not

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required. In addition, the law exempts from definition of lobbying certain professional and technical services by applicants and awardees.

We strongly advise you to review these regulations carefully published at 38 CFR Part 45 and found at www.ecfr.gov.

#### **Site Visits**

The grantor, through authorized representatives, has the right, at all reasonable times, to make site visits to review project accomplishments and to provide such technical assistance as may be required. If any site visit is made by the grantor on the premises of the recipient, a subrecipient or a contractor, the recipient shall provide, and shall require its subrecipients and contractors to provide all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safety and convenience of the government representatives in the performance of their duties. All site visits and evaluations shall be performed in such a manner that will not unduly interfere with or delay the work.

#### **Trafficking in Persons**

This government-wide award term implements Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104), located at 2 CFR Part 175. In accordance with the statutory requirement, in each agency award under which funding is provided to a private entity, section 106(g) of the TVPA, as amended, requires the agency to include a condition that authorizes the agency to unilaterally terminate the award, without penalty, if the recipient or a subrecipient —

- Engages in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect;
- Procures a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or
- Uses forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.
- Full text of the award term is provided at 2 CFR 175.15.

### **Prompt Payment Act**

Federal funds may not be used by the recipient for the payment of interest penalties to contractors when bills are paid late nor may interest penalties be used to satisfy cost sharing requirements. Obligations to pay such interest penalties will not be obligations of the United States.

#### **Veteran Definition**

The recipient acknowledges Public Law 114-315 added Title 38, U.S.C. 2002(b) to define the term "Veteran" for purposes of sections 2011, 2012, 2013, 2044, and 2061, as a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, regardless of length of service, and who was discharged or released therefrom. The term "Veteran" excludes a person who "(A) received a dishonorable discharge from the Armed Forces; or (B) was discharged or dismissed from the Armed Forces by reason of the sentence of a general courtmartial." In addition, the length of service restrictions under 38 U.S.C. 5303A do not apply. 38 U.S.C. 5303A(b)(3)(F).

#### **Payments**

Per 2 CFR 200.305(b)(3) and 38 CFR Part 61, reimbursement for services rendered will be the method of payment. Grantees must disclose any other sources of income that may defray the cost of grant activities. Payments will be paid in accord with 38 CFR 61.

Prior to the first payment under a capital grant, or under another GPD grant as applicable, the grant recipient must provide to GPD the following:

- Approval from VA's Construction and Facilities Management (CFM) office
- Documentation of site control
- Documentation of having secured any voluntary leveraged funding from other sources, if applicable
- Commitment to comply with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) per 38 C.F.R. 61.12(e)

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Grantees will submit requests for payment via one of two methods. The first is through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Vendor Inquiry System (VIS) and the second is through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Payment Management System. The GPD Program Office will notify grantees of which of the two methods of payment to use and how to enroll in the system.

Grant recipients may submit requests monthly as costs are incurred. If circumstances dictate, they may also, upon approval by the GPD Program Office, submit requests as frequently as required to meet needs to disburse funds for program purposes.

If applicable, unobligated balances must be returned and at VA's discretion will be used to offset future funding as appropriate, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.308(e)(3).

### Performance Metrics and/or Monitoring Requirements

The grantee will have a liaison appointed from a nearby VA medical facility to provide oversight and monitor services provided to Veterans in the program.

The grantee will participate in VA's national program monitoring and evaluation as these procedures will be used to determine successful outcomes for each grant.

VA will complete regular monitoring evaluations of each grantee to include, at a minimum, a quarterly review of the grantee's performance, helping Veterans attain or maintain housing stability, adequate income support, and self-sufficiency as identified in each application. Monitoring may also include a financial review of the agency's income and expenses as they relate to this project to ensure payment is accurate and to ensure compliance with program requirements. The grantee will be expected to demonstrate adherence to the grantee's proposed program concept, as described in the grantee's application. All grantees are subject to audits conducted by VA or its representative.

The grantee will be assessed based on their ability to meet critical performance measures and required minimum performance metrics/targets set for the initial funding year of this award. VA may, at its discretion, update these targets. In addition, the grantee must meet program requirements defined by the regulations and the applicable NOFO. Performance goals, indicators and targets are summarized here and incorporated here by reference. Performance goals also are detailed in the regulations, NOFO, the application and/or the Grant Recipient Guide on the GPD provider website.

As applicable, each grantee's performance will be measured against the commitment provided in the application regarding critical performance measures such as the following:

- Number of GPD beds in shared rooms is decreased.
- Number of GPD beds in a private room with a private bathroom is increased.

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